



Aparima College Newsletter

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki

(a word from the Principal's desk)

Kia ora e te whānau,

Friends, whānau, students, teachers and staff of Aparima College hard to believe this is the final newsletter of 2022.

2022 has been a very interesting year in our three-year pandemic journey. The disruption caused early on was another challenge for us to navigate and as a community, navigate we did. The last three years have taught us all the importance of kindness, of not judging others and of course resilience. It is a testament to all our students that despite it all, they have achieved success and kept their learning on track. I would like to acknowledge you all for your efforts this year.

I am proud and grateful to be working alongside a team of teachers who genuinely care for each student. The drive, passion, and determination; underpinned by skill, knowledge and empathy, has seen Teaching and Learning continue to raise progress and achievement despite the ever changing social, learning and emotional needs that we are confronted with. As a team, we are aware of areas to develop, and through reflective practice, we continue to address these as individuals and as a whole staff.

The year of reflection has led to change. Thank you to my team, who have contributed to this change journey. You are all an incredibly dedicated and hardworking team. I appreciate your expertise and encouragement of all the students.

- Next year we will see the implementation of initiatives which will grow and develop a rich localised curriculum. Key aspects of the change process include:
- The development of collaborative teaching and learning practice; and the evolution of the National and Local Curriculum
- The increase in our cultural capacity and engagement with tikanga Māori;
- Developing further the whānau feel of our school through vertical form classes and developing students' skills in tuakana teina.
- Student ownership of learning; through our Kia Tū day
- Clear expectation of Literacy and Numeracy being the foundations of learning across all Learning Areas

We will continue to expect teaching to be of the highest standard and these initiatives and areas of growth are all focussed on bringing us to a place where we live our learning. Where students have a clear understanding of themselves and who they are, their place, (turangawaewae) and an idea of the pathway into adulthood that is beyond school.

This year we farewell Staff members who have over the course of the last few years had an impact on our learners. Rodney Jackson leaves us for Northern Southland College to take up the role of Assistant Principal and Zara Heath is taking a change of direction and is going to be teaching at the Southern Health School. We are sad to see them go but wish them all the very best. I would like to acknowledge Yvonne Cunningham for her commitment to our Year 7 and 8 learners, she brought with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, I am sure you are all with me in wishing Yvonne the very best.

I would like to thank our Board of Trustees who work tirelessly for our school, this year I acknowledge our outgoing board as well as our new board. The responsibility of Governance is both complex and demanding, I admire and thank those of you who put your hand up to undertake it.

The year has belonged to our students. For those year 7s and new students who have shone throughout the year, a particular congratulations. You have arrived at a new school and given it your all. Keep striving for success, the future of our school looks very bright indeed.

I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Seniors many of whom have been with us for 7 years. I thank you, for the spirit you have brought to our school, for being a part of our whānau and making Aparima College what it is today, kia ora. You are all heading on to new and amazing things, your lives beyond school will be filled with new experiences and new people, you will travel to new places, you will experience more successes and some failures too along the way. Remember there is no place like home and this place, these people, they will always be a part of who you are, just as you are a part of this place, for it is you, our students who make our school strong, who hold up the mauri and make us all strive for better.

Kia Kaha – Kia Toa.

Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuahu koe me he maunga teitei

“Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain”,

Lastly I would like to thank the families who are finishing with us this year. Some of you have been with us for a long time; your commitment to Aparima College goes beyond the boundary of the school, it shows your loyalty and dedication to ensuring the community remains strong. A massive thank you to you.

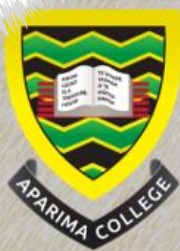
On that final note, I would like to wish everyone an absolutely brilliant Christmas, an awesome holiday and great family times.

Nā reira, noho ora mai rā. Hei kona mai I roto I ngā mihi.

Stay Safe and have an absolutely brilliant Christmas and New Year.

Ngā manaaki,

Aloma Williams
Principal



Aparima College Prize Giving

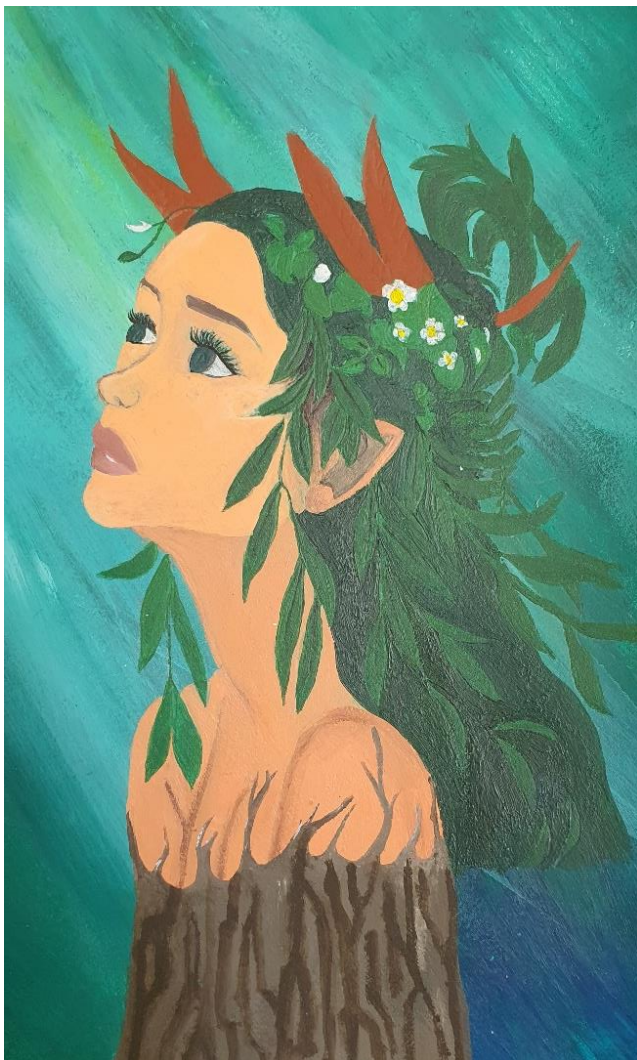
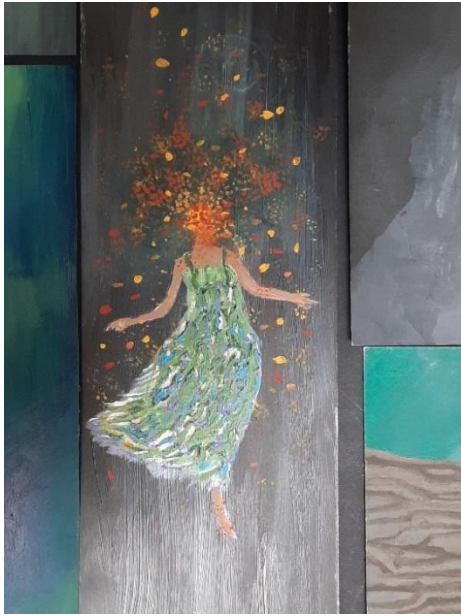
*This is being held on Thursday 8 December 2022
at 7:00pm in the school hall*

Everyone to please be seated by 6:50pm

*All students, Year 7 – 13 are to attend and to be in
full correct school uniform*

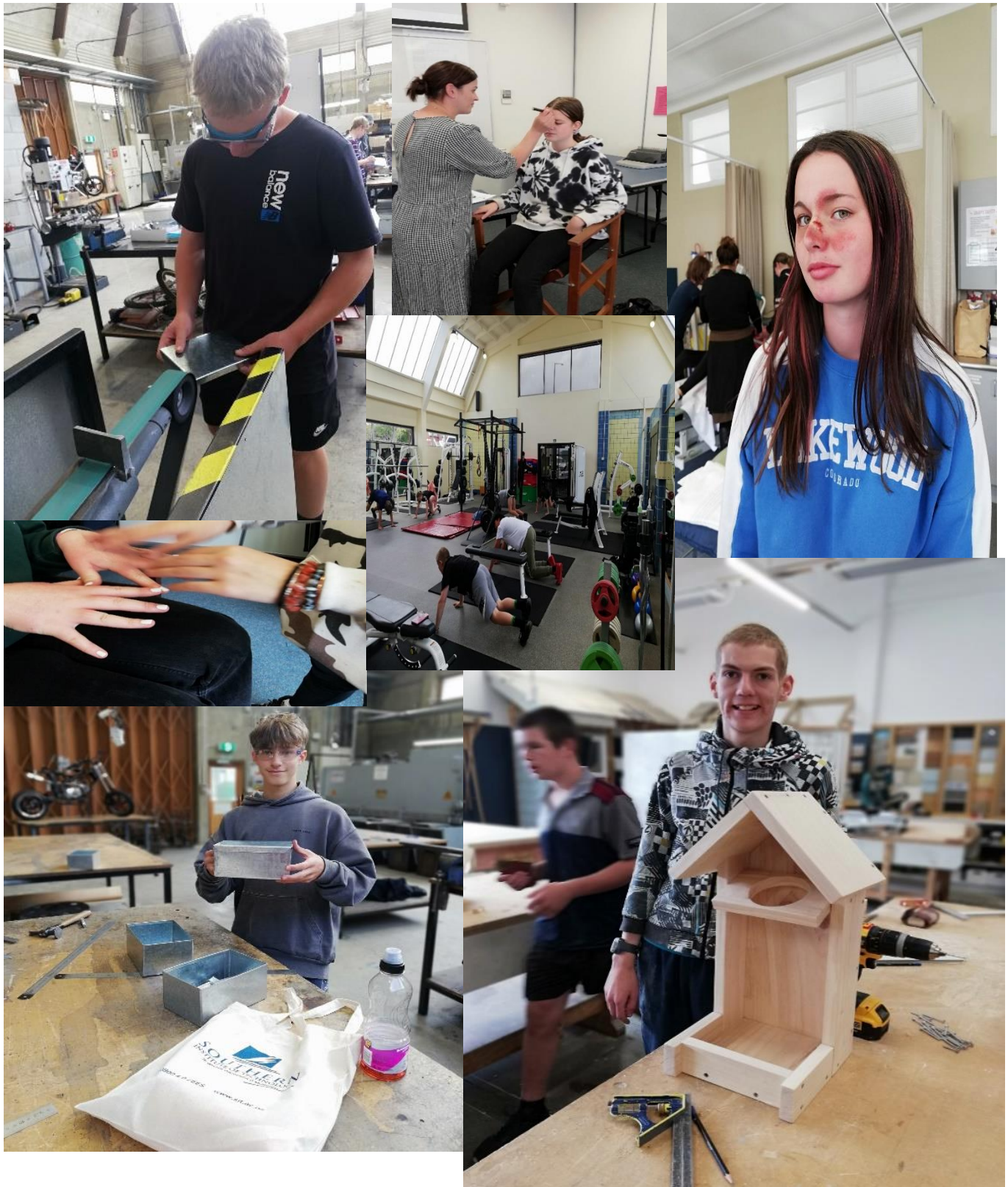
*All Parents/Caregiver and family members are
welcome*

More Awesome Art... By Samantha Moore



Taster Day Year 10

On Friday 2 December twenty six Year 10 students travelled to SIT TePūkenga where students gain “a taste” of an industry of their choice. This year our students were offered 13 options to choose from. All had a great day. Below is a selection of photos from different industries and our students participating.



MASSIVE MARKET DAY

On 27 October at Aparima College, there was a school Market Day where Year 7 and 8's went to sell products they had made! They had this market day to help raise charity and for their school. They took all their social studies period to work in groups and create their products. They started working and planning this since term 3.

At the market day, there was food and drinks, jewellery, socks, accessories and many more! There were also games to play and win a prize. It opened at 5:30 and closed at 7:30. With all the markets there, they have made thousands of dollars!

We have asked people for their thoughts on the market day.

What was your favourite thing about the Market?

Grace- Having the experience of selling products

Nate- Making money and the food

Tessa- Being able to see what others have made

What was the worst thing about the market?

Maya- Having to talk to people

Ryan- Didn't have enough money to give people change

Amber- Having products run out fast

What could have made the Market better?

Baxter- If we put the prices up and made more money

Chloe- If we made more products

Lilly- More food options



Year 8 Camp

The van ride was long. But when we finally saw the first blue rivers/canals, we knew we were nearly there. A spacious cabin awaited our arrival.

Our first activity was fishing. Sadly no one caught a fish that day and it started to rain, so fishing was only for a short period that night. Afterwards though, we got back to camp and played kabaddi.

For dinner that night was lasagna, macaroni and cheese and a stir fry. Everyone ate, then we went outside again and played with a ball, and then someone kicked it into the tree.

After that, Mr Fraser took us outside to play spotlight. Then that was the end of the day and everyone went to bed.

Everyone woke up at different times the next morning, so breakfast was a bit all over the show, but Mr Jackson set up the volleyball net so the people that finished breakfast early could have a game.

After everyone had eaten breakfast, the teachers grouped us and one group went fishing and the other group went kayaking. For fishing we went to a few different locations, but no one caught a fish.

For kayaking, Mrs O'Neill and Mr Diprose taught us how to raft up. That's when everyone holds onto each other's kayaks. Then it looks like a big boat. We also played a game called keyboard where you run across the front of everyone's kayaks.

We went to the salmon farm, and we got taught about the salmon in the area. The guy showed us how to fillet the salmon. Another tour guide let us feed a group of salmon.

Then the teachers let us hang around at camp. Some of us played volleyball, and some of us went down to the camp shop and bought food, and some of us just hung around in our cabins.

That night dinner was yum, and then we went and played spotlight in the big field. The field was filled with long grass, and it was really fun. But then Mr Jackson told us there might be hedgehogs and everyone was worried they would stand on one.

The next day was our last day and we got woken early because we were walking the Hooker valley track. The ride to Mt Cook took around 45 mins and when we did the walk the views were amazing. At the end were icebergs floating in the water.

After we finished the walk, we went to the hot pools and they were amazing!! They were nearly too hot!!

That night was our final night, we had beef and pulled pork wraps for dinner, but sadly it was raining, so we couldn't play spotlight. We had an early night that night.

The next morning, we left at 8.30. When we got to Cromwell, we had a bit of a banter and then continued the ride home. Camp was fun!!

by Martha Eade





Office Hours & Opening Information 2022/2023



Office Hours, End of 2022

Friday 9 December 2022 – the office will be open from 9:00am to 11:00am only (closed for the rest of the day)

Monday 12 December and Tuesday 13 December 2022 the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Office closed from 14 December 2022

Office Hours, Start of 2023

Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 January the office will be open from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Wednesday 1 February – office **closed all day** due to Teacher Only Day

Thursday 2 February onwards the office will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm

Student Information for the start of 2023

- **Wednesday 1 February – Teacher Only Day (Office/School Closed)**
- Thursday 2 February – All students to attend

All students must bring their stationery with them on the first day of school and the items required are available through OfficeMax - <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> (Year 7 -10 need all items on the lists and Year 11 – 13 only need the items for the subjects they are taking)

Note: all students must be in their form class each day by 8:40am and school finishes at 3:00pm.

Year 9 Camp

One of the best things about camp was singing really loud in the van. Nobody could fall asleep because people would take photos of you, but there was still a lot of snoring.

The hike took us four hours but to Jorja it felt like eight because she was so hungry. The scenery was beautiful. It was great to reach the Control Gates, and Lachlan was tempted to pull the lever but resisted.

We were ready for food that evening. The food was primo, especially the nachos. We did eat some healthy kai as well, such as different types of salads. Kobain's lolly-cake was awesome, as well as the chocolate chippie cookies.

The accommodation was really comfortable. We did have to share with other schools, including John McGlashan College from Dunedin. We spent time at the playground but managed to break the log swing which was embarrassing. We also played volleyball and went down to the grass to play cricket.

The swimming was really cold but still fun. Lachlan and Taria tried to learn how to do backflips off the wharf into the lake. Kobain was the definitely the white male Moana king-of-backflips. The waves were quite big on the lake and were fun to jump into.

We went kayaking on the lake. We rafted up by grabbing the kayak beside us, and then one person ran across the tops of the kayaks. Heidi and Tayden were really good at this. Kalyke and Max battled and managed to flip Piper's kayak.

Fishing was enjoyable. Taria made a bet with Mr Mete that if she could catch a trout with her bare hands she would win \$500. So Taria and Lachlan spent most of the fishing time standing in the rapids, trying to catch fish. Fern actually did catch a trout, but it got away. Heidi Robinson spent most of her time sitting behind a rock chilling out in the water, and the rock became known as 'Heidi's rock'.

The trip to the Glow-worm's Cave was interesting. Jorja and Piper thought they were getting dripped on, but it was just Kalyke flicking water. We saw heaps of glow-worms and cocoons.

The other awesome thing about Camp were the people. We were looked after really well by the adults who came with us.

On the ride home, we stopped at Clifton Bridge and went on the rope swing. Fern and Kobain tried to fish but their lines got tangled.

Overall, Camp was amazing, and we are looking forward to next year's camp.

by Jorja, Fern, Lachlan L, Taria, Kalyke, Piper and Renea



Goodbye Mr Jackson

It is sad to say that we are losing some staff this year and one of these staff is Mr Jackson. Mr Jackson is the head of P.E and Health department in his place will be Mr Ripley.

Mr Jackson is leaving to work at Northern Southland College he is taking on the role of Deputy Principal. Mr Jackson has worked at Aparima college for three years but in that time, he has left an imprint on the culture of the school Mr Jackson will be well missed

By Alex Horrell and Nate Baker

Summer Reading Expo

Let's get more books into kids hands over summer. Let's use as many ways as we can to get them reading. That was the plan, and so we decided to host a summer reading Expo.

Books were ordered in from National Library, displays set up, individual book kete created and readers and their whanau invited.

Initially it was aimed at next year's students coming in to the school. It was fantastic to meet them. About 1/3 visited us that evening and took not only their own book kete but they also handpicked over 30 extra titles! These guys were super keen to get their hands on some summer reading.

Our year 7-8's wanted to be in on the fun, so all the year 7-10 classes came in returning their term readers and taking some more to keep them going over Summer too. They also heard about the library website at www.library.aparima.school.nz and other apps and tools like Libby and Borrow Box as well as Goodreads and Literature Map to help them access more reading material for themselves this summer.

Thanks to everyone who chooses to be part of the community of readers, thanks to the teachers who value our efforts to get pukapuka into the hands of their students, to Tash from SDC Libraries for being a great reading promo partner and to the parents who support their tamariki to be readers and keep the books flowing.

One more special thanks - to the Dad who asks his daughter for more of those great books 📖 you're a superhero in my eyes!



Year 10 Camp

During the last week of school the Year 10s went to Te Anau for the last time on camp. Mr Jones, Miss Wilson, Mr Jackson, Mr Fraser, Mr Mete and Mrs O'Neill all accompanied the Year 10s. We did a range of awesome activities such as visiting the Glowworm caves, frisbee golf, kayaking and fishing. In the evenings we swam in the lake and jumped off the wharf. After dinner we visited a field near the camp, with a pond surrounded by Christmas trees, and played a range of games such as cricket, touch and volleyball. On our way back from Te Anau we stopped at the Clifton swing bridge to have lunch and do some fishing. Overall, it was a really cool camp and we all had an awesome time.



2022



Student Stationery Requirements for 2023

Please note that stationery lists are available through OfficeMax (see information below) All students are required to bring their stationery to school on their first day - Thursday 2 February 2023.

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Year 11- 13 will only require the items on the lists of the subjects they are taking.



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UP AND COMING EVENTS

8 December 2022

Prizegiving -TONIGHT

2 February 2023

First Day of Term One for 2023

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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KICKING CLINICS TERM 4 2022

WEDNESDAYS
Lunchtime & Evening Sessions
Lunchtime Session: 12.15pm-1.30pm
Evening Session: 6.45pm-8pm

Wednesday 9th November
Wednesday 16th November
Wednesday 23rd November
Wednesday 7th December
Wednesday 14th December

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